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CONVENTION ISSUE 1978

Dawnbreaker

Make your plans now to attend the Division convention on
the campus on the University of Maine-Portland/Gorham
May 12 and 13, 1978.

Friday night, May 12

- 4:30 - Registration
- 5:30 - Social Hour
- 6:45 - Dinner

Achievement Citation Award Presentation

Keynote speaker: Judy Potter, Professor of Law, U of Maine Law Sch

Saturday, May 13

- 8:30 - Registration
- 8:45 - Coffee and Danish
- 9:00 - Counterparts' meetings
- 9:30 - Remarks from Cathy Speer, North Atlantic Regional Vice President
- 10:00- Panel presentation on legal rights of women in Maine

Panelists: Linda Dyer, I.W.Y. Convention representative
Caroline Glassman, lawyer and author of The Legal Rights
of Homemakers in Maine.
Merle Nelson, member of the Maine House of Representatives
Pat Ryan, member of the Maine Commission on Women.

12:00--LUNCH

Presentation on Project Renew and branch grants given by Mary
O'Halloran, Educational Foundation Chairman.

1:00--Business Meeting

Items to be included on the agenda

- 1) AAUW - IFUW controversy
- 2) Adoption of legislative program **
- 3) Division support of a nominee for AAUW president
- 4) Suggestions of people to be appointed to the
Division Nominating Committee--3 members appointed
Convention and 2 members by the winter board meeting.
- 5) Election and installation of new officers.

N.B. Because there will be little time allotted to business, it would be
helpful if you are prepared to discuss these issues.

** Issues may be added to the Tentative Legislative Program (on the next page)
if their consideration is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting.
These new items shall become part of the Tentative Legislative Program if a
majority of members present and voting favor adopting the items.

We are looking forward to a record number of members in attendance at both
sessions of the Convention. Come and see old friends and meet new ones.

Registration form in by May 5.

TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR 1978-1980 FOR MAINE DIVISION AAUW
as approved by the Winter Board Meeting. Priorities indicated by underlining.

RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL: The Maine Division of AAUW supports measures that
protect the right of the individual and promote equality of individuals by
continuing support of the Equal Rights Amendment and affirmative action
programs for women and minorities.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY: The Maine Division supports educational programs essential to
a democratic society. We support measures that:

1. Continue to support funding for public elementary and secondary schools
systems.
2. Provide adequate funding for higher education, including vocational-
technical school.
3. Support additional educational programs including, but not limited
to, implementation of environmental education and career education.

COMMUNITY POLICY: The Maine Division supports measures that nurture life, improve
and conserve community environment, and promote dignity, such as those which:

1. Provide funding for comprehensive health care and services.
2. Support conservation, comprehensive planning and wise utilization
of resources, including land and energy sources.
3. Provide for protection of the consumer.
4. Provide for energy saving transportation reforms.

CULTURAL POLICY: The Maine Division of AAUW believes that the arts and humanities
develop and preserve human, aesthetic, and cultural values for all people,
therefore we support measures that provide for:

1. Preservation of our historic and cultural heritage.
2. Creative programs in the arts that encourage the development of
aesthetic, cultural values beginning in early childhood.
3. Long range financing of Public Broadcasting with adequate funding, and
the encouragement of public affairs programming without government
interference of any kind.

FOREIGN POLICY: The Maine Division supports international cooperation with Canada,
emphasizing the interrelationships of food, energy, natural resources, education,
and population.

Marcia H. Tappan
Legislative Program Chairman

The Waterville Branch will propose an amendment to the Tentative Legislative
Program that will read: The Maine State AAUW favors the right to choose abortion.
This would bring the legislative program in accord with the national AAUW program.

MORE DICKEY LINCLON FROM MARY GROW

The Division received on April 7, its copy of the Draft Environmental Impact State
ment on the transmission lines from the proposed Dickey and Lincoln School dams to
southern New England--some 43 pounds of documents and maps. The DEIS itself is
almost 400 pages; the rest is appendices.

There is a 60 day period for public comment on this report, beginning about April
5, and the Department of Energy will hold public meetings in May. When the times
and places are announced, I'll let each branch know, and I hope people will attend
the meetings and ask questions and make comments. I plan to review as much of
the report as I can and perhaps submit written comments on it. Copies of the DEIS
are available in libraries and some public offices. You may also contact me and
we can arrange transportation somehow.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

FOR PRESIDENT: AGNES PATTERSON

A 1970 graduate of the University of Maine, Orono, Agnes has earned two years in credits towards her M. S. in Library Science and has spent two years as a zoology research assistant in embryology. She is active and has held offices in a variety of community organizations which include the League of Women Voters, the Thursday Club, and The Bangor Junior League. In the Orono Branch, Agnes has been president, second vice-president, publicity chairman, and co-chairman of the book sale. On the Division level, she is second vice president and has been extremely helpful in the establishment of the new branch in Dexter. She attended the AAUW National Convention in Seattle.

Her central location, Agnes feels, will make it easy for her to keep in touch with all the branches, particularly Dexter and potential branches in Ellsworth and Machias. She suggests that it is time for us to start on another statewide project and has several ideas on what that project might be. With more than ample time to devote to AAUW, Agnes says, "I cannot think of a more exciting and worthwhile way to direct my energies than in the support and leadership of our Division."

FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: MAVIS THOMPSON

Mavis, a 1965 graduate of Aroostook State College (UMPI), has an M. S. in Adult Education (1974) from UMPG. She, too, has been extremely active in community organizations with Girl Scouts her priority at the moment. She was the first Southern Maine chairman for WCBB and has worked for the United Way for years. Teaching English as a Second Language for Adult Education has been part-time employment for Mavis for ten years.

Mavis was first vice president for the York County Branch for two years and president for three years. For the Maine Division, she has been Topic Chairman for Redefining the Goals of Education and has served on the nominating committee. In addition to all this, Mavis is the mother of two potential AAUW members--aged five and eight.

FOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: CAROL BUTZOW

A member of the Bangor Branch, Carol is a graduate in 1964 of Saint Bonaventure university in Olean, N.Y. She has an M. S. in history from Colgate (1965) and an M. S. in remedial reading from U.M.O. in 1974. Carol has served on numerous branch committees, was Legislative Chairman, and is currently recording secretary. Her many community activities include the League of Women Voters, the Bangor Junior League, the YWCA, and the Thursday Club. She is on the Reading Curriculum Committee for the Orono Public Schools and is religious education coordinator for two churches. She has two daughters aged two and five.

Nominating Committee

Marcia Tappan, Chairman, Augusta Branch
Mavis Thompson, York County Branch
Susan Hummer, Bath-Brunswick Branch
Susan Oestreicher, Portland Branch
Jane Page, Caribou Branch

PORTLAND MOTELS NEAR GORHAM

Holiday Inn, Exit 8 1-800-238-8000 Single-\$21.00 Double \$27.00

Howard Johnson, Exit 8 1-800-654-2000 Single \$20.00 Double \$32.00

Chalet Suisse Motor Lodge 774-6101 Single \$13.34 Double \$17.54 *Good Value***
Exit 8

Cross Roads Motor Inn 775-3711 Single \$18.00 Double \$22.00

ACHIEVEMENT CITATION AWARD WINNER NAMED

The Citation Award Committee, under the direction of Virginia Dalrymple of Camden, after reviewing all the fine nominees, has named Diane Curtis Francis of Bath, the nominee of the Bath-Brunswick Branch, to be this year's winner.

Di, as she is known in the area, has lived in Bath since the early 1950s and therefore has seen both good and bad days in that city. Something wonderful has happened in the past five years, making people once again proud to say "I from Bath, Maine." However Di's involvement goes even farther back, to 1959 and the hard work that made possible the purchase of the William Zorach's sculpture "Spirit of the Sea" for the Bath city park. She volunteered countless hours since the Bath Marine Museum opened its doors in 1964, expanded to four major sites, and became one of the top four maritime museums in the United States.

Ralph L. Snow, executive director of the Museum calls Di the perfect volunteer because there is no job too big or too small for her to do. He particularly points to her doing whatever benefits the community most. Di's organizational abilities have spurred on the Marine Museum volunteers to the point where they raised \$406,000--more money than ever raised by any volunteer organization to that point. Recently elected vice president of the board of trustees of the Museum, Di will have a powerful say in the policy making of the next few years. She has also been involved with Sagadahoc Preservation which has been able to save a number of buildings in Bath from destruction--including the Performing Arts Center of Bath building. Di was also instrumental in the application procedure to the National Trust for Historical Preservation, leading to the award of the "President's Award" last March.

In addition to her tireless hours spent helping to make a better place to live, Di has also been involved with the Pine Tree Society, the Bath Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and the Board of Trustees of the Hospital.

To quote the nomination papers: "Diane Francis is certainly Bath's benefactress, giving generous donations of her time, her energy, and her money. (This nomination is made) to recognize a woman for her long-time unselfish force in the community, whose constant low-keyed work in the many organizations has turned the city around, making people once again proud to live in the city of Bath."

Other Committee members: Deborah Schall, Brunswick; Susan Oestricher, Yarmouth; Karyl Condit, Farmington; and Diane Sanders, York.

GREATER PORTLAND RESTAURANTS

(Mildred Mussman will be happy to meet with any early arrivals and have lunch and tour the exciting Old Port area of Portland.)

The Art Gallery, 121 Center St. (Great Salad Bar)
Carbur's, 121 Middle St. (Unique Sandwich and fabulous menu)
Hollow Reed, 334 Fore St. (Vegetarian, seafood, and tasty)
Hu-Ke-Lau, Maine Mall (Polynesian dining)
Cap'n Newick's, 740 Broadway So Portland (Seafood, casual, family style)
Old Port Tavern, 11 Moulton St. (Steak and salad house--the original one in Maine)
Pagoda, 633 Congress St., (Chinese)
F. Parker Reidy's 83 Exchange (Turn of the century decor)
Village Cafe, 112 Newbury St (Italian)
Tortilla Flat, outer Forest Ave (Mexican),
Roma Cafe, 769 Congress St (Continental dining and charming relaxed atmosphere)

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Keep this top section for your use. Send the lower portion to
Mildred Mussman, 91 Rocky Hill Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

NO LATER THAN MAY 5, 1978.

LOCATION• Gorham Campus, University of Maine, Portland-Gorham
New Dining Center and Hastings Hall

REGISTRATION FRIDAY	4:30	
SOCIAL HOUR	5:30	New Dining Center Building
DINNER	6:45	Faculty Lounge and Presidential Dining Room

REGISTRATION AND SATURDAY MEETINGS 8:30 Fireside Lounge, Hastings Hall
LUNCHEON Dining Center Dining Room